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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County of San Diego (County) is circulating for public review a draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The draft EIR can be viewed at the Department of Public Works (DPW), Environmental Services Unit, 5469 Kearny Villa Road, Suite 305, San Diego, CA 92123; the Rancho Santa Fe Branch Public Library, 17040 Avenida de Acacias, Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92067; and <http://www.sdcountry.ca.gov/dpw/environment/envrnsvcs.html>. If you wish to challenge the County's action on the draft EIR in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues that you, or someone else, have raised in written correspondence.

The County is the lead agency in the preparation of the EIR for the Rancho Santa Fe Roundabouts Project. This document conforms to the requirements of the CEQA Guidelines and the County of San Diego's Guidelines for the Implementation of CEQA.

Project Title: RANCHO SANTA FE ROUNDABOUTS PROJECT, 1009758, SCH No. 2007101081

The County of San Diego Department of Public Works (County DPW) proposes to construct traffic roundabouts at the following three intersections along Paseo Delicias in the unincorporated community of Rancho Santa Fe in northwest San Diego County: Paseo Delicias/El Camino del Norte/Del Dios Highway (El Camino del Norte), Paseo Delicias/El Montevideo/La Valle Plateada (El Montevideo/La Valle Plateada), and Paseo Delicias/Via de la Valle/La Fremontia (Via de la Valle/La Fremontia). The objective of the proposed project is to ease existing traffic congestion at the three intersections primarily caused by through traffic traveling eastbound and westbound during the morning and evening peak commuter periods. Improved safety for pedestrian and equestrian crossing at the three intersections is also an objective of the project. The construction of medians, crosswalks, and warning signs at each intersection is also proposed to meet this objective.

Paseo Delicias is a two-lane road between Via de la Valle and El Camino del Norte that is heavily used by through traffic during morning and afternoon commute periods for travel between Interstate 15 (I-15) and Interstate 5 (I-5). The high volume of traffic creates long-queues at each of the controlled intersections in the area. Two of the three intersections

along Paseo Delicias (El Montevideo/La Valle Plateada and Via de la Valle/La Fremontia) are all-way stop sign controlled and drivers must wait in significantly long queues at each of the controlled intersections. The third intersection (El Camino del Norte) is stop controlled only on El Camino del Norte. To avoid long waits, some motorists divert onto other narrow residential roadways, creating potential traffic conflicts and delays to residents accessing their driveways.

Significant environmental effects of the project may occur to: Biological Resources. All significant environmental effects would be mitigated below the level of significance.

Comments on this proposed draft EIR must be received no later than December 1, 2008 at 4:00 p.m., a 45-day public review period. Comments should be sent to Julia Quinn by mail at 5469 Kearny Villa Road Suite 305 San Diego CA 92123, by fax at (858) 874-4043, or by e-mail at julia.quinn@sdcounty.ca.gov. For additional information please contact Julia Quinn at (858) 874-4054.